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Kitchen Consolation.

BY ELEANOR EGGLESTON.

Oh! this baking and brewing
This boiling and stewing,
And washing of dishes three times in a day!
The griddle-cakes turning,
The skimming for churning,
The setting of tables and clearing away!

What is it but weariness,
Work without cheerfulness,
The same round of labor, day after day!
I'd rather be painting,
Or sewing, or braiding,
Or spending my time in a pleasanter way!

Thus my fancy kept dreaming
O'er the hot dishes steaming,
And wondering why I must a kitchen fire tend,
Till an angel's low whispering
Compelled me to listen,
And taught me these household disquietudes to mend.

Is your work not the oldest,
The usefulest, noblest—
In ministering daily to the life God has given?
If the work is unceasing
Of washing and sweeping,
Remember that order is the first law of heaven.

Pray, what gives more pleasure
Than a well-seasoned dinner
When tastefully served on the family board?
Thank God you can labor—
Can knead, mix and flavor,
And draw pleasant meals from the farmer's rich hoard.

What heartsome delight
At noon or at night,
When the family gathers for chat and good cheer!
Then should you be complaining
Of work unavailing,
That brings joy to the loved one each day in the year?

ANNA'S PLAN.

Mr. Gracey stood before the fire and poked the glowing coals vigorously. When he was vexed he always did that—by way, I suppose, of satisfying his desire to strike whoever he happened to be vexed with.

This time it was his pretty daughter, Anna, who was making her shining knitting-needles fly faster than her father did the poker, while her bright brown eyes gazed somewhat defiantly at the form of her father as he stooped over the fire, and her pretty red mouth was compressed with a determined expression.

Mr. Gracey's head was shocky and sandy now, but if one had seen his portrait as a young man it would have shown a dark auburn which lay in waves, like Anna's own, and in the face a strong resemblance to hers.

She resembled him in his strong will, too, and their opinions clashed oftener than was quite agreeable to the gentle mother, who wanted everything to go on so smoothly.

This time it was Anna's beau—indeed, her accepted lover, who had once had the father's consent—who was the cause of the trouble.

There was a dance over at Westfield Corners, at it was called, and Anna was determined to go with her lover, Richard Landon, and her father was determined she should go with a city cousin who was visiting them, in their own trap. And if he could have seen a letter from Richard, which was snugly hidden in Anna's pocket, he might have been more determined than he was.

"Father, you never once objected to Richard till you had that dispute with his father about the land," said Anna.

"Maybe not," replied Gracey, straightening up his tall figure; "but I've vowed since to have nothing to do with the whole set of Landons. Like father, like son. Nobody knows how Richard's going to turn out. I've made up my mind I won't have him poking round here any longer."

"But, father, we had your consent once."

"Don't care if you did. I take it back, that's all. Now, there's your Cousin Tom wants you as bad as Richard does; why can't you take him, like a sensible girl and be satisfied?"

"Father, nobody thinks much of Thomas Wilby but you. I don't believe half the tales he tells about being so well off. I never will marry him, I tell you."

"We'll see about that. As to this dance to-night, you can either let Tom drive you over, or you stay at home."

It was on Anna's lips to say she would stay at home; but Richard's plans and pleadings spoke for him.

"I'd rather go with my cousin than stay at home," she said, quietly.

"Very well, then, you can go," said the father.

Anna turned and left the room, but there was something in her air all the morning which made the old gentleman very suspicious.

So at dinner he remarked:

"I believe I'll ride over to the Corners and see the young people's frolic to-night. I reckon they wont turn me out if I don't dance myself, and I haven't seen a young folks' party these twenty years. Yes, I think I'll saddle old Aleck and ride over."

"Do, uncle! That will be jolly!" said Thomas Wilby, while into Anna's face there stole a look of blank consternation, which did not escape Mr. Gracey, and he slyly chuckled to himself:

"Aha! reckon I've matched 'em this time!"

But Anna's wits were busy, too, while she was helping her mother wash the dinner dishes. Suddenly, as they stood putting away the last shining tins in the tidy pantry, Anna caught her mother by the shoulder, and said:

"Mother, I have your consent to marry Richard?"

"Yes, dear daughter. Richard is worthy, we know."

"And you don't want to see me marry Cousin Thomas?"

"Oh, Anna, I had rather see you dead!"

"Well, my dear little mother, I don't think I'll die, and I know I won't marry cousin. But now, mother, I'll tell you a secret. I can trust you?"

"Yes, Anna."

"Well, dear, Richard wrote me to meet him at the dance to-night. Then we would slip away, go over to Westfield and get married to-morrow morning. What do you say, mother dear?"

The good little woman began to cry, but she said:

"Do as you please, Anna; I can't blame you. The life your father leads you is pretty hard, I know. But oh, Anna, your father is going to the Corners!"

"Yes, mother, on purpose to watch us; so Richard's plan won't work. But I have another one. I can count on your consent, dear, and a good word with father afterward."

"Yes, yes," sobbed the mother.

"That's a dear, good mother," said Anna, kissing her. "Don't think I don't appreciate your sacrifice, for I do. And after all's done I'm sure father has too much sense not to make the best of it."

"I'll do my best for you, dear."

"I know you will, mother! I won't tell you my plan, for it might get you into trouble. And I must get to work now, for I have no time to lose."

Anna found a chance to send her lover a little note, which contained only these words:

DEAR RICHARD: I cannot go to the Corners. But meet me at Willis's Half-way House about eight o'clock with a fast horse and chaise. Don't be astonished if I come alone, but only be ready for me quick. ANNA.

And her messenger brought her lover's answer, written hastily upon a scrap of her own note, and simply saying:

All right, and all ready. RICHARD.

Anna was dressed and in good spirits when her father rode away at night, and very soon Thomas drove the light chaise round to the door and helped her to her seat, quite delighted with her gracious friendliness, for his cousin Anna was not always ready to show him much favor.

It was a glorious moonlight night, every leaf and twig showing against the white snow.

They rode gayly along for a mile or two, and Anna took special pains to make herself agreeable, until she thought it was about time to set her plan working.

Suddenly, on pretense of arranging the rug, Anna stooped over and dexterously drooped her muff into the snow.

She gave a light scream.

"Oh! I've dropped my muff, and it was new, a Christmas present from father. Do please get out and get it. I can hold the horse."

Unsuspicious and obliging, Thomas handed his deceitful little cousin the reins, and sprang out to get the muff.

Quick as thought, Anna drew the reins tightly, caught the light whip from its socket, gave the swift horse a cut, and sent it flying down the road as light as an arrow, while poor Thomas not comprehending her game as, yet, ran shouting after them.

But he was soon left far, far behind, while on flew the bay horse, guided by Anna's steady touch, until she drew it up, reeking with foam, under the long shed at Willis's.

Another chaise was there, and in the moonlight Anna recognized Richard's fast gray mare.

He came forward at once.

"Is it you, Anna?"

"Yes, Richard," she said, springing out. "Tell the boy to blanket my horse; he's all in a sweat, and keep him here till Cousin Tom comes for him. He'll be here soon, I fancy. Are you ready?"

"Yes, all ready. Jump into my chaise quick, Anna. We'll explain as we go along. You'll go to Westfield with me, dear?"

"Anywhere you please, Dick, only let us be quick. Father's at the Corners."

Dick put her into his chaise, gave a few brief orders to the astonished groom, and was far on the road in a minute more.

Long Mr. Gracey waited at the dance, but neither Tom, Richard nor Anna came.

At last, convinced something was wrong, he mounted his horse and rode back, meeting Thomas half-way from Willis's with his news.

Thomas was for instant pursuit, but the old gentleman vowed nobody should go after her or bring her back; she had made her own bed and she might lie on it for all he cared, whether she found it comfortable or not.

So home went the old father, and nursed his wrath until the next morning, when a note was brought from Anna, begging Thomas's pardon for the cavalier way in which she was obliged to desert him the night before, saying that Richard and herself were married, and gone home to Father Landon's, and were waiting to know if they might come over and ask her parents' forgiveness.

Now Mr. Gracey did know when to make the best of a thing, and he admired his daughter the more for the will and spirit which equaled his own.

So, after fuming and fretting awhile, he said:

"Well, I give in. She's a match for me! Really Gracey pride that! Wife, scare up your fattest turkey, and I'll go and bring them home to dinner."

The Age of Trees.

The longevity of various trees has been stated to be in round numbers, as follows: Deciduous cypress, 6,000 years; boabab tree of Senegal, 5,000; dragon's blood tree, 4,000 years; yew, 3,000; cedar of Lebanon, 3,000; olive, 2,500; oak, 1,600; orange, 1,500; Oriental plane, 1,200; cabbage palm, 700; lime, 600; ivy, 600; ash, 400; cocoanut palm, 300; date palm, 300; larch, 300; pear, 300; apple, 200 years. The Brazil vine palm, arrives at the age of 150 years; the Scotch fir gets its growth in about 100 years, and the balm of Gilead in about fifty years.

Pipe Smoking in Turkey.

It is not an uncommon thing to see a Turk smoke from sixty to eighty pipes daily. The pipe is the indispensable companion of the Turk in every occupation, how earnest and important soever it may be. In the Supreme Porte, in the Ministerial Council, where the Turkish grandees debate regarding the welfare of their fatherland the question was once discussed, whether, during the consideration of State affairs, the tschibuktschis (pipe-bearers) should not be excluded. Great was the difference of opinions; long was the contest between the yearning of the palate and the sense of propriety; till at last was victorious the sentiment of some corpulent members, who thought that it would be wrong to reject ignominiously the old custom, and that the blameless tschibuktschis must be permitted, as before, to enter the chamber and give the needful attention to the pipes. And yet all the members knew very well that this resolution was pregnant with mischief and danger, for the cunning servants, while busy with the pipes, snatch up with quick ear many a secret of State, and before even the Sultan and the official world have any knowledge of the decisions of the Supreme Council, many weighty debates and decrees have already (through the pipe-bearers) been divulged. Consequently, the tschibuktschi is, next to the servant of the harem, the most valuable reporter whom journalists and ambassadorial dragomans can find. Tobacco and pipes are not merely the distinctive tokens of the different ranks. A muschir (marshal) would think it altogether unsuitable to smoke with a pipe shorter than two ells, while the handicraftsman, or the official of a lower order, would be deemed presumptuous if his pipe-stem transcended the measure of that habitual with his class. The grandees in contact or contrast with a man of low degree, can parade his pipe to its full length; but the man of low degree, modestly thrusting aside or concealing his instrument, must not show more of it than the mouth-piece which he holds in his hand. The Pasha can, like the chimney of a steamer, throw forth clouds of smoke, but the subordinate must only allow small circles of smoke, light as zephyrs, to flow from his lips, and he must so contrive that the smoke does not go in front of him, but turns backwards. In the presence of a grandee, not to smoke is regarded as a testimony of respect. This sign of respect a son is likewise expected to show to his father; and a well-trained and well-mannered son is regarded who, spite of the repeated request of his father, refuses to smoke.

A Tall Mosquito Story.

The Virginia (Nev.) *Enterprise* has this "yarn:" They were telling hunting stories in a C street house a night or two since, and after several persons had given in their experience, an old chap who appeared to be a stranger in town took the floor. Said he: "That is a power 'o game down to Humboldt Sink—ducks, geese and sich—but in some respects it is onpleasant down thar. I got about the wust fooled I ever was in my life the fust time I camped down thar. I was on a hunt, and had a little round tent that I had stuck up in the shadder of a bunch of willers. At night I curled up in this tent—just room enough for me—calkerlatin' to get up bright and airly the next mornin' to try my luck on the ducks and geese. There seemed to be considerable many muskeeters about, so when I got into my tent I pinned up the slit that made the door in sich a way as to keep 'em out. Next mornin' I woke up, and finding it still dark, took another nap. I slep a good while, and when I woke up it was still dark. Took another nap, and woke up. Still dark. I thought daylight would never come. I tried to sleep, but only dosed off a little at times. It seemed the longest night I ever saw. Finally, I concluded to see what time it was, anyhow. So I struck a match and looked at my watch. It was ten minutes of two o'clock. This beat me. I concluded I'd take a look outside an' see if thar was any sign of daylight comin'. I unpinned my tent, and on pullin' open the door a black mass of something that seemed alive fell on the ground; a blaze of light at the same time strikin' my eyes and nearly blindin' me. Bein' kinder frightened I rushed out, and thar I saw, all over my tent, and kiverin' of it to the depth of 'bout four inches, a reg'lar mass of muskeeters. I looked at the sun and saw that my watch was right. It was two o'clock in the afternoon. Gentlemen, I never was so looked afore in my life regardin' the time of day—all along o' them muskeeters, and it wasn't the reg'lar muskeeter time neither."

Sneezing.

A sneeze, to be in good taste, should crack like a rifle on a clear morning. A sniveling, dry, half-frightened-to-death sneeze is odious, but for one of your full, clear, sonorous, detonating, reverberating explosions—one of those reports that set the wine glasses on the sideboard a jingling, and awake pussy—we say for one of those earthquake sneezes, we have a love inferior only to that which we bear to woman and—our favorite dog. A recipe for a sneeze of this genus is as follows: When you feel a tickling at the root of your proboscis, just jump up, if you are seated (otherwise no necessity), run to the window through which the sun shines, throw your head back until the bumps of philoprogenitiveness presses on your coat collar, open your mouth, snarl like a half-starved hyena at a piece of fresh meat, inhale a deep breath, and then—blaze away. The effect will be prodigious. One echo will salute you from the housetop over the way, the good housewife will order the clothes to be taken in, your game cock will turn up the red of his eye at the sun, and you will then have the best assurance that you have not sneezed in vain.

FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

Recipes.

PLUM PUDDING.—One half cupful sugar, one-half cupful molasses, one egg, one cupful chopped suet, one cupful sour milk, one teaspoonful soda, three cupfuls flour, one teaspoonful salt, and one of cinnamon; lastly, add one cupful raisins, seeded and chopped, after sprinkling a little flour over them to prevent settling; steam three hours; to be eaten with sauce. Sauce for Pudding.—Six tablespoonfuls sugar, two of butter, and one heaping tablespoonful flour; stir all together; when thoroughly mixed add boiling water till thin enough, stirring all the while; place it on the stove, let it come to a boil, remove, and add the beaten white of an egg.

CREMA STRAWN.—Sift one cupful of flour upon a pastry board, make a well in the center and put into this two tablespoonfuls of cream, three ounces of grated cheese, two tablespoonfuls of butter, the yolks of two eggs, and half a teaspoonful of salt, a dust of pepper and a little nutmeg; if the the paste is too stiff use a little milk until you can work it without breaking; roll out thin, cut it in narrow strips, lay them on a buttered tin, and bake to a pale yellow; serve as a relish, hot or cold.

JOHNNY CAKE.—One teacupful sweet milk, one of buttermilk, teaspoonful of salt, one of soda, tablespoonful of butter, enough meal to make a very stiff batter; spread it upon buttered tins; bake forty minutes; as soon as it begins to brown, baste it with melted butter; baste several times.

DELMONICO HASH.—Take cold roast lamb or mutton; throw away the fat portions; chop very fine, and add water enough to make it quite thin; boil in frying-pan; add butter, salt and pepper to suit taste; have ready hot toast which has been well buttered and dipped into cream or rich milk, and spread the hash over the toast, and serve immediately.

FRIED CHICKEN.—Put one pint of cream into a frying-pan large enough to hold a chicken, and set it over a moderate fire until it begins to color; then lay into it one chicken, nicely dressed and cut in joints, and fry until the under side is nicely browned; when the cream acquires a rich brown line dip out enough to serve as sauce for the dish, and set it aside to keep hot. Season the chicken with pepper and salt, and turn it over in the pan. Let it brown equally all over. Do not let the cream burn. When done lay it upon a flat dish, and pour cream in the center.

Stacking Corn Fodder.

I have practiced stacking fodder for twenty years—never had any spoil, and after trying various ways think it decidedly preferable to all other modes, because first, none but the butts, the worthless portion, are exposed to the bleaching rains of winter, and second, because a larger quantity can be placed close by the feeding-place than by any other way. I put usually fifty shocks of 100 hills each in a stack. A few sticks are placed on the ground to raise the center of the stack. The center must be kept up sufficient to shed rain from the butts throughout the stack. The stack must be made of such diameter only as to allow the tops of bundles to lap and thus keep up the center, a single row of bundles only forming the circle. The finishing of the stack should be in form similar to an ordinary 100-hill shock, and be well tied with a band. I feed only four head of cattle from such a stack, and never had any damaged by rain; only one course appears to get damp, and the cattle prefer it in that condition. If a snow storm occurs, or a sleet storm, or a very heavy rain, I immediately remove one entire course, and set on end all not fed. I feed in the ordinary box manger, always in the stable, being particular to have the butts of bundles placed in bottom of manger. None is ever wasted—not even a husk. The stalks remaining are thrown under the cows, and make good bedding; always keeping them clean.—*Practical Farmer.*

Early Ripening of the Tomato.

By cutting back the ends of the tomato vine as soon as the fruit is sufficiently set to insure a plentiful crop, the ripening season can be pushed to good advantage. Not only will the fruit ripen sooner, but it will be of finer size and more perfect development. If possible, the fruit should be ripened on the vines; the flavor is so much richer when so ripened, that it is worth while to take extra pains in order to protect it so that it may ripen in its natural state. A most effectual scarecrow to fight away poultry from the ripening fruit can be made by sticking turkey or hen feathers into a "crooked neck" summer squash, so it will resemble a hawk; put a stick through the body, tie strings to either end; and fasten to a tall pole, letting the "nondescript" swing back and forth over the tomato bed. It will prove effectual, we know.

Why Some People are Poor.

Silver spoons are used to scrape kettles.

Coffee, tea, pepper and spices are left to stand open and lose their strength.

Potatoes in the cellar grow and sprouts are not removed until the potatoes become worthless.

Brooms are never hung up and are soon spoiled.

Nice handled knives are thrown into hot water.

The flour is sifted in a wasteful manner, and the bread pan is left with the dough sticking to it.

Clothes are left on the line to whip to pieces in the wind.

Tubs and barrels are left in the sun to dry and fall apart.

Dried fruits are not taken care of in season and become wormy.

Rags, strings and paper are thrown into the fire.

Bits of meat, vegetables, bread and cold puddings are thrown away when they might be warmed, steamed and served as good as new.

An Heroic Greek Admiral.

Vice-Admiral Constantine Canaris, Premier of Greece, died at Athens recently of apoplexy, at the age of eighty-six. When the rebellion of 1821 broke out he was captain of a merchant vessel. The Sciotes declined to join in the revolt, being a peaceable folk, which did not prevent the Turkish governor from seizing forty-five hostages of the most prominent families, and, when the patriot Samiotes landed, and a handful of the Scion population joined with them, making a further capture. But the revolutionary leaven worked; the primates could no longer keep the peasants from rising, and the Sciotes, once roused, and finding that their only hope lay in making thorough work, hunted the Turks to the citadel and besieged it desperately. Ere a reply could be returned from the Peloponnesus to the islanders' earnest prayer for arms and reinforcements, the Turkish fleet came upon them, and between it and the rallying garrison the Greeks had to break and scatter over the island. The Turks followed them, committing the most ruthless butcheries without regard of age or sex. In June, 1822, Canaris, whose patriotic soul had been deeply stirred by these events, offered to attack the enemy with his fire-ship, and accordingly sailed for the Straits of Scio. His crew, perceiving and realizing the great peril of their situation, became refractory, and refused to go on. Canaris addressed to them a few determined words. "You came here of your own free will," he said; "the ship shall go on, and you can go with her or leap overboard." The murmurers were silenced, and the vessels rapidly approached the growing lights, the Turkish vessels being lighted up to celebrate the feast of the Ramadan. Canaris had fixed on the vessel of the Captain Pasha as his own especial prey, and in the clear moonlight he bore down on the huge ship. Cries of "Keep away" came from the Turkish guard, quickly followed by those of "Brulotte, Brulotte," as the Turks recognized the fire-ship. In an instant all on their ship was in confusion, while Canaris stood alone, calm in his resolution, and steered his vessel full on that of the Pasha. His men were sheltered behind the bulwarks. A few moments and there came the crash. The two vessels were entangled, and Canaris, crying out: "Kanaris einai" (It is Canaris), fired the train, and following his men into the boat which they had lowered, was rapidly pulled away, leaving destruction behind, one vessel being blown up with an immense loss of life, the other escaping, though hopelessly shattered. In November Canaris, when the Turkish fleet lay at Tenedos, set off in company with another fire-ship, and on discovering the enemy he immediately selected three of the largest ships as his mark. So determined was he, indeed, to destroy the vessel of the Captain Pasha that he passed several smaller Turkish ships close enough to hear the men talking on board. The shot of a cannon went through his mainsail, but he bore on an instant more, and his bowsprit crashed against the enemy's side. Canaris touched the train with a torch, and, leaping into a boat, escaped in safety. He saved Samos by the action of Mycale, August 17, 1824, from the fate of Scio and Ipsara, and a year later made a bold attempt to burn the Turkish fleet in the harbor of Alexandria, where it lay ready to transport Mehemet Ali's troops to the Morea, an attempt which was baffled by contrary winds.

Miseries of Human Life.

1. On your entrance at a formal dinner party, on reaching up your hat to a high peg in the hall, bursting your coat from the armpit to the pocket.

2. On leaving the house where you have been visiting, finding that a rascal has taken your new hat and left you an old one, which either wabbles over your eyes and ears, or perches on the tip of your head.

3. In shuffling the cards—your party all strangers—squashing them together, breaking the edges, and scattering them in all directions.

4. Chasing your hat through a muddy street—a fresh gust always whisking it away at the moment of seizing it.

5. A car window that will not be put down when it is up, or up when it is down.

6. Briskly stooping to pick up a lady's fan at the same moment when two other gentlemen are doing the same, and doing so making a cannon ball of your head against both theirs—and this without being the happy man after all.

7. While you are swallowing a berry discovering by its taste that you have occasioned the death of a harmless insect.

8. Being on the brink of a sneeze for a quarter of an hour, and yet with all your gasping never able to compass it.

9. The interval between the dentist's confession that your tooth will be very difficult to draw, and the commencement of the attempt.

10. To fall a victim, spoiling your clothes and your temper.

The Children.

"Isn't it always so?" exclaimed a mother, in despairing tones. "Can you ever get a child to show off when you wish it to?"

And there sat her obdurate toddler, outwardly serene, in its enjoyment of a candy bribe, but all aflame with inward determination not to sing "Bobby Shafter." He simply represents "a large and growing class of the community," as the newspapers say; and so his case is worthy of consideration. He's the average child, and we may all learn a lesson from him, for the benefit of the present race of little ones.

We can resolve that all precocious development is hurtful; premature ability, premature politeness, premature goodness, even! Heaven shield them all from aught that will stiffen them too soon into little men and women!

Items of Interest.

The "balance of trade"—A pair of scales.

A Mr. Gore is editor of a Florida paper. Those who thirst for Gore can call with new poetry during office hours.

Coming in the course of his canvass to a tailor's shop, a waggish candidate said: "What we look for here are measures, not men."

Mr. John Hutton, an employe in Thomas Hoyle & Sons' print works, Manchester, England, has just attained the age of 100 years. He has been in the service of the above firm for the last seventy-nine years.

The word Bashi-Bazouk means, literally, foolish head—Bash, head; Bazouk, foolish; the i terminating the word Bashi being added through its becoming an adjective. The scrubbie meaning of the word is "irregular."

It is computed that France now possesses steam engines of an aggregate force of 1,500,000 horse power. This is equal to the effective labor of 31,000,000 men, or about ten times the industrial population of the country.

"Doctor, my daughter seems to be going blind, and she's just getting ready for her wedding, too! Oh, dear me, what is to be done?" "Let her go right on with the wedding, madam, by all means. If anything can open her eyes marriage will."

Two men were riding in the cars the other morning, when one asked the other if he had a pleasant place of residence. "Yes," was the reply, "we have seven nice large rooms over a store." "Over a store! I shouldn't think that would be a quiet place." "Oh! it is quiet enough. The folks don't advertise."

A party were enjoying the evening breeze on board a yacht. "The wind has made my moustache taste quite salt," remarked a young man who had been for some time occupied in biting the hair that fell over his upper lip. "I know it," innocently said a pretty girl. And she wondered why her friends laughed.

"Liquor bell punches" will hereafter be used in all Virginia bar-rooms. It is somewhat similar to the "clock register" in service on some of our city railroads for checking passengers' fares. The bartender is required to pull the register, and thus record every drink that is sold. On each glass of liquor that is sold the State collects a tax of two and a half cents.

"Smoking in Holland," said a traveler, "is so common that it is impossible to tell one person from another in a room full of smokers." "How is any one who happens to be wanted picked out, then?" asked a listener. "Oh, in that case a waiter goes round with a pair of bellows, and blows the smoke from before each face until he recognizes the person called for."

Francis Joseph, of Austria.

A French writer thus describes Francis Joseph, of Austria: The emperor betrays that kind of chronic melancholy which marks saddened and declining reigns. He is tall, and delicate in health; his gait is elegant and hesitating; he wears habitually the loose undress uniform of a cavalry officer. His foot is small, but he has a large hand; the thumbs are narrow and the nails round. His gesture indicates certain embarrassment, not altogether devoid of dignity; his head is upright, long and well set; his whiskers are fair and straight, and all the court wear theirs in the same style; his hair is bright auburn—he is bald on the back of the head. His eyes are a grayish-blue and diamond shape; sometimes they sparkle with impatience, but soon settle again into that look of dull resignation which seems to be a characteristic of sovereigns who last long. He has a short upturned nose, joined to a strong, firm and projecting mouth; the short lips covered by a heavy mustache, the small and receding chin, constitute the family mark and peculiarity of the House of Lorraine, and of the Imperial Princes of Hapsburg and Bohemia.

An Industrious Singer.

A well-known opera tenor of this city, says Jennie June, writing from New York to the Baltimore *American*, devotes his time when not engaged professionally to the making of exquisite little carvings in wood. His home, which is a modest but very comfortable one, is made charming by quaint devices, all of his own contriving; by little gems brought from abroad, set up in frames of his own making, and curious antiques, displayed on brackets of his own designing. His life is full of labor, but of the most opposite description, and few of the thousands who see the dashing singer, his fancy suits of velvets and lace, or know him as the hard-working professor, would recognize the quiet, gentle-minded man who, in his few moments of spare time, cuts delicate designs on fragments of wood or goes off with his pretty wife on long walks in the country to find food for original ideas.

How He Got Off the Train.

A Burlington man, who travels a great deal, has always had his heart wrung when he came in from the West because the train ran right past his house and carried him clear down town and he had to walk all the way back. So the other morning he made up his mind to get off the train at his own gate if it scared him to death. He wasn't very badly frightened. He got one foot off the steps and down on the ground all right, but he thought the other foot never would come down in all time. He took one stride and stepped clear across an eighty foot street and half way up a forty foot lumber yard. It split his legs clear up to his chin, and when he went home his astonished family thought it was a pair of tongs with clothes on.—*Hawkeye.*

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 27, 1877.

REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

FOR SUPREME JUDGE,
JAMES H. STERRETT, of Allegheny.

FOR STATE TREASURER,
WILLIAM B. HART, of Montgomery.

FOR AUDITOR GENERAL,
J. A. M. PASSMORE, of Schuylkill.

Political Announcements.

ED. MINER:—Please announce that I am a candidate for the office of County Treasurer, subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention. W. D. GALLUP.

Smethport, Aug. 24, 1877.

THE NEW YORK CONVENTION.

THE New York State Republican Convention convened at Rochester yesterday, and up to a late hour last evening was still in session. Hon. T. C. Platt, of Tioga county was chosen permanent chairman. Hon. Roscoe Conkling was chosen chairman of the Committee on Resolutions.

The platform declares that the office of government is to conserve order, peace and safety, and to protect every citizen in the enjoyment of every right implied by the constitution. It makes no issue with the national Executive as to his southern policy, and cherishes the hope that the action taken in regard to the Southern States will result in peace, tranquility and justice, and no act of the Republicans of New York conducive to its good effects shall be withheld. It insists on purity, frugality and efficiency in every branch of the public service, national and state, and holds the following requirements practical and just:

First—No needless office or officer or public agent should exist.

Second—Compensation for official service should be fair and just, but in no case excessive.

Third—Fit men, and no others, should hold public trusts.

Fourth—Every official, high or low, should be required at all times faithfully to perform his duty, and the whole of it.

Fifth—No official or office-holder should be subject to political or partisan assessments, or to interference in any way with his political rights or action, and plain laws should forbid and punish all attempts to make or enforce such assessments or to control or abridge in any respect the absolute freedom in political action, which in the country belongs to all voters alike.

The platform furthersays:

In connection with this subject we recur with satisfaction to that portion of the acceptance of Mr. Hayes, wherein he declares that the founders of our government meant that the officer should be secure in his tenure as long as his personal character remained untarnished, and the performance of his duties satisfactory, and in furtherance of this view we commend as worthy of consideration, legislation making officers secure in a limited fixed tenure, and subject to removal, only as officers under state laws are removable in this state, on charges to be regularly and openly preferred and adjudged. We hold honest service or labor the best and highest exertion for American citizens, and those who labor for others whether for the government or for private employers are as fully entitled as any citizens can be, to absolute freedom in all political, civil and religious affairs. They owe the full service they agree to render, and to their employers they owe nothing more. The constitution of the United States and of the state of New York and the laws, establish equal rights for all citizens and all voters, and we deprecate as unwarrantable and hurtful all attempts by employers, whether representing capital or political power to encroach upon or coerce others in the enjoyment of any of the rights or the exercise of any of the duties of citizenship. In the state of New York the whole number of national office-holders, *including* clerks and subordinates of every degree, is 7,465. This is one national official or subordinate for 152 voters. Of state, county and town officials there are in this state 133,513. This is one state, county or town official to every 8½ voters. When the potential functions of local officers are taken into account, their nearness to the citizen and their power over his property, taxes and interest, their relative influence becomes even greater than the numbers indicate. Their exclusion as public servants from political action would disfranchise a great body of our fellow citizens. The law make no such exclusion, and we deny, as an imputation upon the people of New York, that they are, or have been, dominated by the nation's subordinate officials; and we can conceive of no condition of affairs short of the extinction of manhood and patriotism, in which a postmaster or a clerk could subdue to his partisan will 152 other electors, or exert any other influence beyond such as his character might give him.

The fifth section demands a sound currency of coin, and paper convertible into coin, and a faithful fulfillment of resumption.

The sixth and seventh condemns land grants or subsidies to corporations or monopolies, and appropriations for local and sectional purposes not of urgent national importance. The conclusion of the platform was devoted to local State question.

Mr. Geo. W. Curtis proposed an amendment fully endorsing each and all the acts of the President, and supported it with a long speech. He was followed by others, and the discussion was closed by Hon. Roscoe Conkling, who was speaking at the time our report closed. We hope to be able to give his speech in our next issue.

A Democratic Carpet-Bagger.

Speaking of the Democratic candidate for Governor of Ohio, the Cincinnati *Gazette* says: "Is Mr. Bishop a carpet-bagger? The condemnation of carpet-bag government has been so severe by both parties that our people have reason to apply a rigid standard to aspirants for office. Mr. Bishop migrated to this city from Kentucky. The vicissitudes of trade in that State had made a carpet-bag sufficient for his honest possessions. He came; but did he become one of our citizens in heart? Through the secession war his sympathies were with the South. Thus he continued alien at heart, living on the substance of our citizens, but not of them. Another quality of the carpet-bagger is office-seeker. In this Mr. Bishop has been persistent. Wherein is he not a carpet-bagger? We pause for a reply, but cannot wait long."

THE Presidential excursion party have about completed the grand tour. There has been no lack of talk, and we have no doubt the whole crowd had a good time, but it is the opinion of many sensible men that the olive branch business is rather overdone.

Pennsylvania Republicans.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

HARRISBURG, Penn., Sept. 20.—Certainly this is an off-year in politics, but Pennsylvania Republicans do not intend to let the election go by the board on that account—judging from the meeting of the State Central Committee here today. The committee met at the Lochiel Hotel, over fifty members, representing every section of the State, being present. The reports received were very encouraging. Certainly, if the promises given are carried out, the ticket will be elected by about 15,000 majority. Philadelphia promises her usual majority notwithstanding local dissensions, and Pittsburgh promises an increased majority from the fact that it is the home of a large number of democrats who are dissatisfied with the way the Democratic State Convention slaughtered a Roman Catholic aspirant for the State Treasurership. In Clinton County, the home of Mr. Noyes, the democratic candidate for Treasurer, there is a split in the Democratic party that will lose Mr. Noyes some votes.

The Labor Union party is already without a head to their ticket, their nominee for Supreme Judge, Elwell of Columbia county, declining to be a candidate, and their organization—if it can be said to be organized—is rapidly falling to pieces. The greenback and Prohibition parties are in the hands of unscrupulous men who will sell them out to the highest bidder. All this the republican leaders see, and hence it was that the District reports in the committee were so encouraging. Another interesting fact developed in committee was the satisfaction with which the republican nominations are looked upon by the rank and file of republicans in the State. It was decided that the campaign should be conducted quietly, and it is very likely that few political meetings will be held. The Democrats have resolved to act on the same principle. Of course there are some sections in which meetings must be held—Pittsburgh for instance, where the Labor Reform movement first germinated, and the coal regions, where the strength of the greenback party lies. Able speakers will be sent to these sections, and the campaign will be conducted with an eye-single to the perpetuation of Republican principles, and the protection of labor as opposed to free trade. This committee selected John A. Smull, of Harrisburg, as Secretary, and resolved upon Philadelphia, as the headquarters during the campaign.

In conversation with Mr. Smull he informed the correspondent of the *Tribune* that the campaign would begin at once, vigorously, and would be prosecuted with unabated zeal until the day of election. A committee of five, on Finance, and an executive commitee of thirteen were appointed, but the chairman has not yet appointed a treasurer. This appointment is solicited by Gen. Harry Bingham, a gentleman personally distasteful to Senator Cameron, and, therefore, not likely to secure the coveted prize. Gen Pasmore, candidate for Auditor-General, and Capt. W. B. Hart, candidate for State Treasurer, were present at the meeting of the committee. The campaign may now be considered as fairly opened, and with such encouraging prospects as were reported to-day the Republicans ought to win again.

Fire at Washington.

THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT SERIOUSLY DAMAGED.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—About half past 12 o'clock to-day a fire broke out in the land office wing of the interior department. It burned with great fury, owing to the combustible nature of the contents—mostly papers—and the heat soon became so great that the location of the fire could only be approached with difficulty. A general alarm was promptly sounded and the fire department responded. In a short time all the engines were at work, but as the fire seemed to be making great headway assistance was called from Baltimore. Steamers were at once forwarded by special train, and immediately on their arrival they went into service. The firemen labored heroicly and at a quarter past two o'clock had complete control of the flames. The interior of the building, however, presented a terribly dilapidated appearance, the water in immense quantities leaking through from the upper roof damaging many valuable papers and documents. Other papers were scattered in confusion through the halls, and many were thrown promiscuously down stairs and were found in every hall and on the grass plats on the outside of the building and in the interior courts. The loss of valuable papers from careless handling will be immense, and it is thought the loss cannot be repaired. The timely arrival of the marines put a stop to this sort of thing, as they took all the government property under their charge and piled it up in safe places. They also assisted the firemen and made themselves generally useful.

A large brick stable outside of the government building took fire, and at 3:10 p.m., the walls fell with a tremendous crash, and a report was immediately circulated that three of the Baltimore firemen were buried in the ruins. It was discovered in a short time that there was no truth in the report, as none of them were working at the G street fire.

A PHILADELPHIA paper, the Sunday *Press*, advocates the nomination of Hon. B. B. Strang for Governor next fall. It says: "Strang is one of the ablest men of the State, clear-headed, honest, and a sound Republican. We raise our voice in favor of the mountaineer statesman.

THURLOW TWEED, now within two months of four score years of age, has finally withdrawn from politics by resigning his membership of a New York Republican committee. Mr. Tweed has had an eventful career, having learned the art of printing before he was fifteen, served in the war of 1812, for which he still draws a pension, and for fifty years an editor of more or less importance. From the time he became the editor of the Albany Evening *Journal*, in 1830, till 1862 there was probably not a journalist in the country who exerted greater influence over the men of his party.

THE *Enquirer* says "old Bill Allen is the kind of a Gatling gun that is needed in Ohio just now." As if that old smooth-bore blunderbuss could do anything for the party, if it was brought out and had the cobwebs brushed off it. What the Democracy wants is to get its repeaters out of the penitentiary.—*Toledo Blade (Rep.)*

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY.

THE Democratic party is constitutionally opposed to "reviving the issues of the war," and yet its representatives in New-Jersey have reanimated the very deadest of war bones. The resuscitation of Gen. McClellan has already projected the spirit of Abraham Lincoln into the canvass, and the campaign orators are hunting up the old speeches which were used to fire the Republican heart in '64, when these two men stood out as incarnations of the contending principles which were then locked in a life and death struggle. The Democrats, too, are turning over the musty vindications of their chieftain's military career, and will once more attempt to prove that the war was a failure. Oratory which has been laid away for thirteen years is apt to be a trifle stale, but it is not difficult to predict which dish of cold victuals will be the more unpalatable.—*Tribune.*

WE write in no spirit of unfriendliness toward President Hayes, who, although he makes a good many foolish and "soft" speeches, is, as we believe, a man who means well by his country. But he is certainly making mistakes. He is too much under the control of Evarts, who hasn't been a genuine Republican for twenty years. Too much under the control of Schurz, who has belonged to all parties, and usually to the one that has paid him best. Too much under the control of poor old Key, who was never a Republican at all. We in New-York can better afford to stand by Senator Conkling, who is a far sater and more prudent party-leader than President Hayes. Let us by all means "speak out" at the State Convention—and with no uncertain sound, either.—*Albany Express.*

IT IS time the President withdrew the order in relation to the participation of Federal officers in politics. It is not observed by the President or his Cabinet, and the great mass of the American people are opposed to it, both in principle and in operation. As elections approach its utter impracticability and impossibility of execution are seen. We have no doubt the President is anxious his Administration shall be endorsed in the election that is soon to take place in Ohio, if in no other State, as it is of more importance to him in various ways than a victory in any other State would be. We are not surprised, therefore, to observe that the order has been materially modified so far as citizens of Ohio employed in the Government service at Washington are concerned.—*Troy Times.*

THE "Mississippi plan" seems to work on those who indulge extensively in it in much the same way as the intemperate use of alcohol. It breeds a habit which is kept up long after the occasion of the first temptation has passed away. According to the New-Orleans *Times*, a Democratic paper of an extreme type, Pike county and the neighboring counties of Mississippi, are infested by bands of armed raiders, who ride masked through the country, pursuing whomever their vengeance may fall upon, driving their victims from their homes, plundering, and even murdering them. Meanwhile, Gov. Stone, who represents the Mississippi ideal of local self-government, is reported to be in a state of "inexplicable quiescence," which is very much the condition he has been in since the Chisholm outrage.—*N. Y. Times.*

AUDITOR GENERAL TEMPLE is the man to answer the questions put by the *Patriot* this morning on the subject of loss of money by any Republican State Treasurer. We repeat our declaration, that "*No State Treasurer elected by the Republican party has ever lost a dollar to the Commonwealth.*" The records are open in the Auditor General's office. We defy the *Patriot* even to invent a falsehood that will show such a loss. We are aware that this is a dangerous challenge, when it tempts the lying propensity of a constitutional falsifier, but we know of what we write, and comprehend fully the integrity and faithfulness of the officials to whom we refer. No State Treasurer elected by the Republican party has ever lost a dollar to the Commonwealth. Let the Auditor General speak.—*Harrisburg Telegraph.*

THE ardent friends of resumption claim that no other country has accumulated gold as rapidly within the past year as the United States. The Government held one year ago about $63,500,000 in specie, and now holds about $107,000,000; and has, meanwhile, paid out a large sum in silver which formed part of its store in 1876, and is now in use by the people. The accumulation in the Treasury of more than $45,000,000 in gold during the year, with the annual consumption in the arts, and the moderate exports to Europe, *fully accounts for our annual production.*

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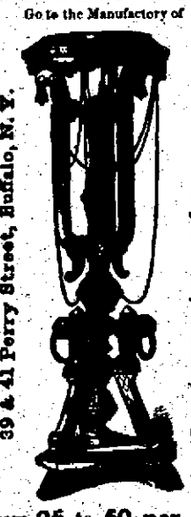

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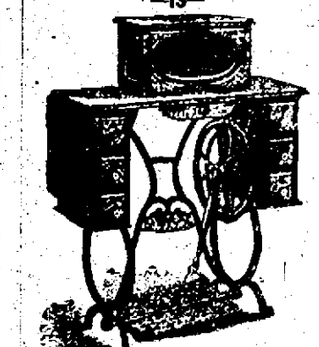

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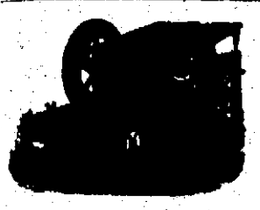

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METHODIST.—J. C. WHITESIDE, pastor. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 9 a. m., and Preaching at 10½ a. m. Class Meeting at 11½ a. m. Prayer Meetings on Thursday evenings at 7½ p. m.

Preaching at Norwich at 2 p. m., and at Clermont at 6 p. m., every other Sabbath And Preaching at Barrett School House at 2p. m. every alternate Sabbath.

BAPTIST.—O. J. ROSE, pastor. Services Sunday at 10½ a. m., and at 7½ p. m. Sunday school immediately after the morning service. Preaching once in two weeks at the Hafner school house.

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Regular Terms of Court.—Fourth Monday in February and September, and Third Monday of June and December.

BRIEF MENTION.

—Oil city has a new opera house.

—L. Rogers lost a valuable horse a few days ago, one of his heavy team.

—Derrick city, one of our new oil towns, claims a population of 1200 to 1500.

—D. C. Oyster has been nominated by the Republicans of Elk county as their candidate for Sheriff.

—A large excursion party from Franklinville and other points adjacent visit Clermont on Saturday.

—A correspondent states that an ordinary store on Main Street, Bradford, rents for $1000 a year.

—Two thousand bushels of potatoes were sold in Steuben county the other day for twenty cents per bushel.

—Work on the State Insane Asylum at Warren is said to be progressing finely. About 250 men are at work on the building.

—Several stores in Emporium were burglarized a few nights ago. The burglars found considerable stock, but very little cash.

—All parties having claims against the Lock Haven Bank must present them within three months from August 23, or they will not be allowed.

—Notwithstanding John Digel is running a branch shop at Buffalo, he is ready to receive and execute any amount of orders for grave-stones and all kinds of Marble work.

—There are about twenty-five million feet of logs in the West Branch and tributaries awaiting a flood, about two-thirds of which will go to Lock Haven, and the balance to Williamsport.

—At the late term of court in Warren, J. K. Palmer et al. and Horton, Crary & Co., were indicted for a violation of fish laws, in not taking care of refuse from their tanneries. Both cases were continued.

—If you are going on the excursion to Niagara Falls and Toronto next Wednesday, do not fail to purchase tickets before Tuesday noon, as no tickets will be sold after that date.

—The Kane and Lafayette State Road has been rescued from the courts, the matter having been settled, we are informed, by the contractor consenting to build the road as originally surveyed.

—The coroner's inquest held upon the body of Nicholas Kohen, whose death at Alton we mentioned last week, gave the following verdict: "That the said Nicholas Kohen came to his death from injuries received from train No. 9, near Alton station, about 7:30 p.m., Sept. 17th, 1877, while under the influence of liquor, no blame being attached to any person."

—Freem. Chadwick received a distinguished guest a few days ago in the person of a large black bear that quietly took possession of the yard in the rear of his house, and proceeded to dispose of his bearship in a quiet nap. Freem. hauled his gun and blazed away at his guest in a very inhospitable manner. The gun didn't go off, but the bear did. He was no doubt offended at such treatment.

—Among the gentlemen admitted to practice at this bar this week is Mr. David Sterritt, formerly we believe, of Oil City. Mr. Sterritt has located the residence of his family in this borough, but will spend much of his time in the oil regions, having a large clientage among the Tuna Valley operators, gained by a successful practice in the lower oil country. He appears to be a gentleman who will do honor to the bar of the county.

—Two very distinguished arrivals are noted at the Wright House within the past week. They are both ladies, and have engaged permanent board. Frank is of course glad to have their patronage, but objects to their demands for the best in the house, at all times night and day, without regard to cost or trouble. Nevertheless he puts up with it admirably, and expects in time to become very fond of them—out of personal regard and respect for their father.

—We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to attend the wedding ceremony uniting in the matrimonial bonds Rev. Hugh Q. Miller, pastor of the Episcopal church of this place, to Miss Anna W. Getz, daughter of Rev. Henry S. Getz, pastor of the Trinity Memorial Church of Warren. The ceremony is to take place to-day. Although not being able to be present in the body, our best wishes and congratulations attend the happy couple.

—The heavy rain storm of two weeks ago cost Otto township not far from $300 in the repairing and rebuilding of bridges.

—Insure your life with W. H. Mandeville, Olean, N. Y. tf

—The sixth game between the Buffalo and Rochester Base Ball clubs was played at Rochester Tuesday. Nine innings were played without a run being made on either side.

—We have received a communication from "E.D.E." in reply to Sheridan Gorton. Not caring to court an indictment for the publication of obscene literature, we decline publishing it.

—If you want a fine silk hat, send to Cusack, practical Hatter, 187 Main St., Buffalo. 4p

—Now is the time to get good bargains at Haskill & Gifford's. Warley is so elated and proud over his "boy" (arrived Monday) that he will no doubt sell goods for the next thirty days regardless of profit or loss.

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—The following gentlemen were admitted at this term of Court to practice at the McKean county bar: Sheridan Gorton, David Sterritt, Hepburn McClure. There are now twent-five resident and practicing lawyers in the county. Our rights should certainly be secure.

—None but reliable insurance companies represented by W. H. Mandeville. tf

—McKean county against the world, and beat every time. In the matter of big potatoes even we are beyond competition. For instance: Geo. Boyer raised this year from just 3-5 of an acre 115 bushels of potatoes; and from ½ of an acre he raised 52 bushels. The latter were the Eureka variety, a sample lot of 20 of which left at our office weighed 28 pounds. If any one in or out of the county can give the figures of a better yield, let us hear from them. But don't forget to bring a bushel or two for "sample."

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—The Presbytery of Wellsboro held its fall meeting at Condersport on the 11th and 12th insts. Rev. J. M. Gillette, of Kane, was chosen Moderator. In the report of the meeting we find the following: "The report of Rev. J. M. Gillette in regard to his work at Kane was listened to with special attention. His efforts are prospered both materially and spiritually. A church edifice of stone will soon be completed, at a cost of $20,000. This will be by far the most expensive building in the Presbytery."

—Insure yourself against Accidents in the Traveler's Insurance Company, with W. H. Mandeville, agent, Olean, N.Y. tf

—A simple-minded burglar was so green as to think he could make a raise from a country editor burglarized the house of Bro. Smiley, of the Venango *Citizen* a few evenings since, with what result Smiley thus describes: On last Monday morning, about 2½ o'clock, a burglar having, doubtless, been misinformed as to our financial condition by some person who is not aware that our entire assets are safely lodged in the pockets of delinquent subscribers to the *Citizen*, paid us a visit at our residence on Elk street, and had the exquisite pleasure of perusing a large number of business letters, bills, duns, receipts and bills receivable, which he found in our pockets. At all events, we found the above mentioned articles scattered over the hall, to which point he had taken our Sunday suit for inspection and search. He returned to the bed-room to pursue still further his investigations, and in attempting to open a closet door made sufficient noise to awaken us, when, without waiting to say good-bye, he hastily evacuated the house by way of the front door, by which he had entered. We tried to stop him, for the purpose of making him divide if he had found anything, but he beat us to the door by two lengths. Total loss, $000,000 00.

Attempted Burglary.

Last Friday morning as some workmen on the McK. & B. K. R. were passing the depot at this place on a hand-car they noticed that the door of the freight house was open. Suspecting some foul proceedings they commenced investigating the matter, with the assistance of the agent and Constable Parker, and it was soon discovered that an attempt to burglarize the depot had evidently been frustrated by their opportune appearance. The burglars were poorly paid for their pains, however, as they had only succeeded in breaking open a trunk and valise, neither of which contained anything of value. The office desk and ticket case had also been broken open, but as everything of value was in the safe, there was no other damage done than the marring of the furniture. There was a heavy fog at the time, under cover of which the scoundrels managed to get away undetected.

Sheriff's Sales.

The various properties advertised to be sold at Sheriff Sale at this term of court were disposed of as follows:

R. O. Smith vs. D. J. Keyes. Sold to H. S. Morris, cashier State Bank of Olean. Consideration, $500.

R. S. Dexter, use of Cole, vs. Holm. Settled.

J. J. Ashley vs. B. A. Treat, *et al.* Settled.

Charles Dolley, *et al* vs. A. R. Buckley. Sold to M. A. Lillibridge and C. A. Dolley. Consideration, $200.

Burden & Roharts vs. Thos. Donnelly. Sold to Plaintiffs for $173.

L. Rogers & Seth Gifford vs. B. F. Wright. Sold to A. N. Taylor Estate. Consideration, $1200.

V. P. Carter, use of First National Bank of Friendship, vs. H. A. Robeson. Settled.

A. DeGolier vs. R. B. Rogers. Settled.

C. H. Smith vs. Dalmadge & Swift. Sold to estate of C. H. Smith.

Wm. Hankill vs. D. L. Forsyth. Not sold.

A Narrow Escape.

Many of our readers no doubt read of a terrible railroad accident on one of the western roads a short time ago, by which many lives were lost. Mrs. A. E. Taylor, of this place, and her son-in-law D. C. Young were through passengers together on the ill-fated train. The night was dark and stormy, and Mrs. Taylor became so nervous with a sort of premonition of danger that she finally insisted upon stopping at the next station, notwithstanding they were anxious to complete their journey and their baggage was checked through. They got off at the next station, with their baggage, and in a short time the news came back to them of the terrible disaster they had so narrowly escaped. It was certainly a narrow escape—almost providential.

Another Paper.

We are authorized to state that arrangements are nearly completed for the publication of a newspaper at Kendall Creek. The projectors of the enterprise feel assured that there is a field for another paper in the Tuna Valley, provided it is properly conducted. We understand that it will be distinctively an "organ of oil," and more especially devoted to the interests of the operators and producers, and the public generally of those oleaginously prolific valleys of Kendall Creek, Foster Brook &c. The enterprise is backed by the solid men of the eastern part of the district, and will no doubt be heartily supported by the business men and public generally, and if conducted with reasonable tact, discretion and ability cannot be otherwise than a success.

A Serious Runaway.

On Wednesday last Mr. H. J. Pemberton and Mr. Enos Parsons were driving down Main street, and when opposite the Titusville House the horse became unmanageable, and turning short around overturned the carriage, throwing the occupants out upon the sidewalk and severely injuring both of them. The horse then run down street—the buggy having righted—and across the East bridge, where he run into a wagon, threw himself upon his head and broke his neck, dying instantly. Mr. Parsons sustained a fracture of one of the bones of the left leg near the ankle, which fracture was reduced by Dr. Sweet. The injury, while not at all dangerous, will keep the gentleman in the house or on a crutch for some weeks perhaps. Mr. Pemberton had his right ankle severely sprained, but is out again on a crutch and cane.—*Era.*

A Remarkable Accident.

A son of Mr. Alonzo Meeker, living near Goodyear's mill, on the Portage, was accidently shot last Sunday, under rather peculiar circumstances. An older brother had been using his gun and laid it temporarily upon a bed in the house. Two other boys, twins, aged 13 years, were about the house, one being at the time in a woodshed adjoining the house. The other seeing the gun undertook to cock it and it was accidentally discharged. The content went through a portion of the bed clothes, thence through the side of the house and into the side of the boy in the shed, the bullet went entirely through his body. The boy walked in the house and said to his brother "you have killed me," and laid down upon the floor. Dr. Freeman was called and upon examination concluded that there was but a small chance of saving his life, but he is yet alive and we understand that there are now strong hopes of saving his life. Big brothers cannot be too careful about leaving loaded firearms about.

Another Excursion.

Bills have been circulated announcing that there will be another excursion to the Niagara Falls next week Wednesday, Oct. 3. This second excursion is under the same management of the former, and even better rates and advantages have been secured. The trip will extend for those who desire to Toronto, Canada, thus giving the opportunity for a visit to that city and a satisfactory view of the International Bridge and Lake Ontario. There will not, in all probability, be another opportunity equal to this the present season, and we have no doubt it will be as generally embraced as was the former. No tickets will be sold after Tuesday Oct. 2, so that all who purchase tickets can be assured plenty of room and comfortable seats. Following is the time table and rates of fare for Smethport, Farmers' Valley and Frisbees:

Smethport, M. L. Armstrong agent.—Train leaves, 8:55; a.m. Fare to Buffalo, $2.50; Niagara Falls, $3.00; Toronto, $3.75.

Farmers' Valley, A. J. Otto agent.—Train leaves, 4:05 a.m. Fare to Buffalo, $2.50; Niagara Falls, $3.00; Toronto $3.75.

Frisbees, A. H. Corry agent.—Train leaves, 4:10 a.m. Fare to Buffalo, 2.40; Niagara Falls, 2.90; Toronto, 3.65.

The Kendall Creek and Foster Brook Railway.

There has a great deal been said and written during the last few months about the projected railway from Kendall Creek to Foster Brook. We published last week, on the authority of the *Derrick*, which, great as it is, is not always reliable, that the narrow gauge road was to be built. Since then we have been informed by those who ought to, and do know all about it that Roy Stone's single track railway is to be built. The organization of a company has been effected, the contract let, and the track will be ready for the rolling stock in sixty days. The organization of the company is as follows: President, A. I. Wilcox, Wilcox, Pa; Secretary and Treasurer, M. N. Allen, Titusville, Pa; Executive Committee, M. N. Allen, A. I. Wilcox, George Gilmore; Directors, A. I. Wilcox, F. G. Babcock, L. H. Bradley, M. N. Allen, W. H. Johnson, Lucius Beaumont, Roy Stone, George Gilmore, T. L. Higgins, C. H. Foster and W. Coddington.

The leading members of the company have thoroughly investigated the matter, and are fully convinced that the "one-legged" railway, as it is called, is perfectly adapted to their needs, especially as it can be built and put in operation at less than one-half the expense of the narrow gauge. It will be completed this season as far as the headwaters of Foster Brook, and should future developments warrant (as it is believed they will) it will be continued, following the course of Knapp's Creek, to connect with the B. N. Y. & P. at Eldred.

Court Proceedings.

Court convened on Monday with Hon. H. W. Williams, President Judge, and Associate Judges W. S. Brownell and F. N. Burnham on the bench.

Up to this writing (Thursday morning) the grand jury had returned true bills in the following cases:

Com. vs. Andrew Campbell. Malicious mischief.

Com. vs. Henry Howell. Larceny.

Com. vs. G. D. Heling. Assault and Battery.

Com. vs. James Drumgool. Assault and Battery.

Com. vs. A. C. Blair. Larceny.

Com. vs. O. C. Beers. Larceny.

Com. vs. S. P. Bacon. Cutting timber trees.

Com. vs. Neal Barrett & C. Clementine. Robbery.

Com. vs. Lewis Welk. Assault with intent to kill.

Com. vs. Jane Armstrong. Assault and Battery.

Com. vs. Burdett Chandler. Perjury.

We gather from the court minutes the following items of general interest among the mass of dry and uninteresting details.

Com. vs. Wm. Anderson. Indicted for chasing and killing deer. Case tried by jury. Sentenced to pay fine and one-third of costs.

Valentine Hampton admitted a citizen.

John Johnson admitted a citizen.

In re estate of Patrick Kelliher. G. M. Smith appointed to take evidence.

Martha Knapp vs. Orlando Knapp. Decree of Divorce awarded.

Richmond Nichols vs. Hackett & Chevalier. Case brought to trial. Jury sworn. Plaintiff took non-suit.

Com. vs. Harry Thomas. Assault and Battery. Case tried. Defendent not guilty. Prosecutor, C. N. Grow, pay two-thirds costs, defendent pay one-third.

Com. vs. C. S. Heath. Obtaining goods under false pretense. Jury sworn. Court permit jury to be withdrawn and Nol pros. to be entered upon payment of costs by prosecutor.

Helen M. Chase vs. R. M. Chase. Decree of Divorce awarded.

Com. vs. R. Larrabee. Selling liquor to minors and to habitual drunkards. Nol. pros. entered on both counts upon payment of costs.

Com. vs. Jas. Stanton. False Pretense. Case tried. Defendant not guilty and prosecutor, A. B. Walker, pay costs of prosecution. Defendant discharged.

Com. vs. Z. Carl. Defendant and Stephen Irons each recognized in the sum of two hundred dollars for appearance at next term of Quarter Sessions.

Com. vs. Wm. Stanton. Surety of the Peace. Defendant discharged and court direct Defendant and Prosecutor each to pay one-half costs.

Com. vs. Niles Crossmire. Assault and Battery with intent to kill. Recognizance forfeited. Case tried. Defendant found guilty. Sentence not yet announced.

Com. vs. J. M. Houghton. Lewis Emery *et al.* Forcible entry and detainer. Case tried. Prosecutor and defendants each to pay one-half the costs.

Com. vs. J. Reilly. Assault and Battery. Nol. pros. entered upon payment of costs.

Com. vs. John Hussey. Same.

Com. vs. G. D. Heling. Assault and Battery. Defendant plead guilty, and to pay costs and fine of ten dollars.

H. G. Crittendan appointed Deputy Constable, Bradford Boro.

Com. vs. C. S. Heath. Keeping Tippling House. Case tried.

PERSONAL.—Hon. A. I. Wilcox was in town a day or two this week. The Colonel is as jovial as ever, although his load of oil land and railroad (one-legged) is enough to make any ordinary man rather solemn than otherwise.

Attention, Voters!

No person is entitled to vote at the coming election, presuming that he has been duly assessed, unless, in addition, he has paid a State or county tax one month previous to the day for voting. Foreign born citizens must also take out their last papers a month in advance of election day.

The election will be held Tuesday, November 6.

Saturday, October 6, is the last day for paying taxes and taking out naturalization papers.

OIL ITEMS.

—There is a good prospect of a test well on the Portage.

—The machinery of the well at Benezette, Elk county, is run by water.

—The oil exports since January 1st are in excess over last year of about $50,000,000.

—A well on Sugar Run, Corydon township is down about 500 feet. The rig for another is up.

—Three hundred and twenty barrels of oil were destroyed by fire at the Central Yards, East Buffalo, last night.

—We are reliably informed that the Buffalo Oil Company have determined to sink another test well on their leases on Cole creek, also another one at Sartwell.

—It is estimated that the production of the Tuna Valley district for the month of September will average nearly five thousand barrels a day.

—The American Transfer Company are constructing a new four-inch line from the district to Carrolton on the main branch of the Erie Railroad.

—Laborers and drillers in the Tuna Valley complain of the results of the credit system. The laborer is worthy of his hire, and the operator who cannot pay cash for labor should be barred out.

—The *Derrick* correspondent states that Mr. Berry, the legal man of the Quintuple property, and of Clark, Babcock & Hulings, transacted over two hundred and fifty thousand dollars worth of business during last week.

—The Benezette oil well is down a little over six hundred feet, and the second sand has been struck, producing a strong smell of oil and spasmodic puffs of gas. The projectors of the enterprise are highly encouraged by these favorable indications, and confidently expect a paying well. Hope their fondest hopes may be realized.—*Elk (Dem.)*

—Some fast drilling was done at the Barnard & Hewitt well, on Boyd Valley, which was completed the latter part of the week. John Veasle, David Lacey, Hugh Bradley and Theodore Seeley were the drillers and tool dressers, and made 1,512 feet in the space of twenty-three days, which is counted as pretty fast time among those who are posted.

Sale of the Empire Transportation Company.

From the Oil City Derrick.

We learn from our Philadelphia exchanges that at a meeting of the stockholders of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, held last Monday, the negotiations for the purchase by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company of the property of the Empire Transportation Company, which have been in progress for some time, were virtually brought to a close, although the details of the transfer have not yet been settled. This sale does not include the Erie and Western Transportation Company, the capital stock of which is owned by the Empire Transportation Company. The Erie and Western Transportation Company represents the interests of the Empire Company on the great Western lakes. The following particulars we take from the Philadelphia *Times*:

The charter of the Empire Transportation Company was granted by the State of Pennsylvania in 1865. An organization was soon after effected. Cars were procured, and the first shipment was made from the Oil Creek Railway of five car loads of petroleum in barrels to New York. In the company's own words, its purpose was "to increase convenience, promptness and safety in transfer of property between inland points west of the line of the Philadelphia and Erie Railway and points on the Atlantic slope and seaboard, and in the foreign countries east thereof, and to do so in such manner as should popularize with the shipping public the route formed by that railway and its various connections. This route consisted of a number of railways, independently owned and managed, but curiously invested with discordant interests, which impelled them asunder with greater force than the interests possessed in common drew them together."

The capital stock of the Empire Company is $4,000,000. Its officers are: President, Joseph D. Potts; Vice President, Frank J. Firth; Treasurer, H. H. Houston; Assistant Treasurer, Jas. S. Swartz; General Freight Agent, W. F. Griffiths, Jr.; Auditor, Wm. G. Macdowell; Assistant Auditor, F. M. Bissell; A. D. Hepburn, Purchasing Agent.

The company's organization for the care of its through competitive traffic by its all rail routes are known commercially as the Empire line and the Green line. All petroleum or its products shipped to the east from points south of Oil City, Pa., is moved by the Green line. The entire all-rail merchandise traffic of the company, as well as all petroleum shipped to the east from Oil City and points north, is moved in the name of the Empire line over the Philadelphia & Erie Railway and its rail connections. The company owns about forty-five hundred cars of all varieties, which the necessities of the trade demand. The company has two large depots in New York. Pier No. 38, on the New York side of the North river, is the depot for up-town freight. Piers Nos. 4 and 5 at the foot of Morris street, are the depots for down-town freight. The company's oil depots for the New York trade are located at Communipaw. In this city the freight of the company is handled at the various freight depots of the Pennsylvania Railroad. In Baltimore the company owns a large freight depot at 199 North street.

In June, 1866, the fact having been established that petroleum could be satisfactorily moved through long lines of wrought iron tubing, a controlling interest was purchased in the Tuscarora Pipe Company, it being designed to serve as a feeder to the Empire Transportation Company's rail lines at Titusville, Pa. Later the remaining interests in the line were acquired, vesting the sole title in this company.

In April, 1872, the entire pipe property of what was then known as the Mutual Pipe Line Company was purchased by the Empire Transportation Company, and a valuable feeder to its rail lines at Foxburg station, on the Allegheny Valley Railroad, was thus secured.

The Union Pipe Company's property was similarly acquired by purchase in September, 1872, its point of rail delivery being at Parker's station, on the line of the Allegheny Valley Railroad.

In January, 1873, the first oil developments having been made in what is known as the Butler district, the Empire Transportation Company commenced the construction of its Butler pipe lines, their points of rail delivery being at Butler and Dilks stations, on the Western Pennsylvania division of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

In October, 1873, the Mutual Pipe Company, Union Pipe Company and Butler Pipe Line were consolidated into one organization and were thereafter known as the Foxburg, Parker and Butler divisions of the Union Pipe Company.

In December, 1875, the Olean Pipe Line was laid from the newly discovered Limestone or Bradford oil district, a distance of about fifteen miles, to Olean Station, on the line of the Buffalo, New York and Philadelphia Railroad. The company now owns about 250 miles of oil pipe lines, and is the only competitor of the Standard Oil Company of Cleveland, Ohio, which controls the oil shipments over the New York Central and New York and Erie railways.

Colonel Joseph D. Potts, President of the company, in conversation with a *Times* representative yesterday, said that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company have always had the right to buy the property of the Empire Company at an appraised valuation; that to save the expense and delay of an appraisment a proposition had been made by the Empire Company, which he understood had been favorably considered by the railroad company, but that a great many details of the transfer yet remained to be settled. He said that the negotiations could not be finally closed until the meeting of shareholders of the Empire Company. Their regular meeting takes place the third week in October. Colonel Potts could not say whether a special meeting would be called or not. Colonel Potts further said: "The only benefit that the railroad company will derive from this purchase will be increased earnings from the increase in oil freights out of which this transaction grows. The railroad company intend to sell all the pipe lines and refinery in this city and the one in New York to the Standard Oil Company, thus giving that company a monopoly of freights." Colonel Potts also expressed some doubts as to the ability of the railroad company to obtain a renewal, at their expiration, of the Empire Company's contracts with the Lake Shore road and other roads controlled by Vanderbilt.

Sudden Death.

"Uncle" George Jacox, of Norwich township, started from his house Sunday morning to look after his cattle. Not returning after some time search was made for him and he was found lying dead in the field. He had apparently died very suddenly and from natural causes.

From Alton.

ALTON, PA., SEPT. 25.

To the Editor of the Miner:

You will be surprised to hear from Alton. I think it is destined to be one of the foremost places in McKean county. Oil excitement is begining to reach Alton. I understand that there is to be several wells put down within the vicinity of Lafayette and Alton immediately.

We witnessed an Exibition by the school children of this place on the 18th, and viewed one of the best entertainments ever given by school children around this vicinity. The children varying in age from eight to fourteen years, performed their pieces to the admiration of the audience. The exibition consisted of Songs, Dialogues, Recitations and music, and closed with an excellent piece entitled the Mormon family. It was conducted under the management of Miss Mary Hoop (teacher,) which goes to show that we have teachers in Lafayette second to none in the county. SLATER.

Conference Appointments.

The following are the Conference Appointments for the Olean District, of the M. E. Church, for the ensuing year:

OLEAN DISTRICT—L. D. WATSON, P. E.
Olean—E. B. Williams.
Coudersport—E. Wood.
Ellicottville—J. L. Bowen—supply.
Cuba—A. M. Bancroft.
Machias—M. D. Jackson.
Scio—A. H. Marvort.
Bradford—J. A. Copeland.
Limestone—R. R. Pierce.
Allen——supply.
Friendship—E. Smith.
Portville—C. S. Daley.
Whitesville—H. Rankin.
Andover—E. A. Rice.
Centerville—G. H. Van Vradenburgh.
Bradford—O. M. Leggett.
Holland—R. Caulfield.
Wellsville—W. Bradley.
East Otto—L. F. Brown.
Port Allegany—J. W. Gamble.
Otto—T. E. Clayton.
Eldred——supply.
Angelica—F. P. Hubbell.
Belfast—A. Smith.
East Ashford—A. W. Merrille—supply.
Clermont—A. T. West.
West Almond—J. Mearing.
Bolivar—C. D. Rowley.
Willing and Owaye—A. J. Blanchard—supply.
Smethport—J. C. Whiteside.
Clermont——supply.
Ulysses—A. E. Pickett—supply.
Allegany——supply.

VALUABLE MINERALS.

Gold and Silver Found in Liberty Township, Tioga County.

Mr. Thomas Stafford, a practical miner, has been making extensive explorations in the mountains near Nauvoo, Tioga county, for the purpose of determining the existence of valuable minerals in that section. His labors have resulted in developing several curious things, chief among which are nuggets containing gold and silver in paying quantities. He is in the city now and exhibits some fine specimens of iron pyrites, which cannot fail to interest mineralogists. The nuggets are exactly similar to those found in California and other gold bearing regions, and give unmistakable evidence of the existence of the precious metals. Mr. Stafford has run a drift into the mountain for three hundred feet. In sixteen feet of rock he has found twelve layers of nuggets. In addition to the minerals he has discovered a deposit of Kaolin clay, six feet in thickness, which is used in the manufacture of porcelain ware. A vein of mica one foot in thickness, has also been found, together with three small veins of black sulphuret of silver. Water strongly impregnated with the above minerals is also prepared by Mr. Stafford. He firmly believes that a great mine of wealth exists in that locality, and the specimens he exhibits are calculated to convince the most skeptical. He is about organizing a co-operative mining and smelting company for the purpose of still further developing the richness of that region.—*Williamsport Gazette & Bulletin.*

Notice.

All persons having unsettled accounts with the late Hon. A. N. Taylor, are hereby notified that said accounts are now in the hands of John C. Backus, who is Attorney for the Executors of the Estate of said Taylor, who will together with one or more of the said Executors make it a point to be at the office of said Backus, in the borough of Smethport, on Wednesday and Thursday of each week, after next for the purpose of settling said accounts. All persons having unsettled accounts as above stated, will please be prompt in answering the notice, and thereby save themselves costs.

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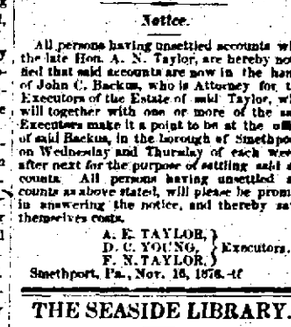

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Frisbee.....	11.16	6.07 .....
Farmers Valley.....	11.28	6.19 .....
Smethport.....	11.44	6.36 .....
Crosby.....	12.02 †	6.53 †
Colegrove.....	12.07	6.57 .....
Hamilton.....	12.18	7.08 †
Werrenton.....	"	" .....
Clermont.....Arrive	12.30	7.20 .....

NORTHWARD.

STATIONS.	MAIL.	LOCAL.
Clermont.....Leave	1.20 p.m	6.40 p.m
Werrenton.....	"	" .....
Hamilton.....	1.30	" .....
Colegrove.....	1.53	6.53 †
Crosby.....	2.00 †	" .....
Smethport.....	2.20	7.09 .....
Farmers Valley.....	2.35	7.18 † .....
Frisbee.....	2.45	" .....
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7 10	6 30	Dep.....Buffalo.....Ar	7 45	8 25
7 40	6 41	.....Elma.....	7 16	7 56
7 50	6 25	.....Aurora.....	6 58	7 42
8 08	7 15	.....Arcade.....	6 37	6 43
8 36	7 39	.....Yorkshire.....	5 46	6 33
8 48	7 50	.....Machias.....	5 35	6 23
9 01	7 58	.....Franklinville.....	5 21	6 10
9 45	8 38	.....Hinsdale.....	4 34	5 28
10 18	9 12	.....Erie R.R. Junction.....	4 16	5 13
10 14	9 55	.....Olean.....	4 12	5 10
10 23		.....Weston.....	4 08	
10 31		.....Portville.....	4 00	
10 40		.....State Line.....	3 49	
10 53		.....Eldred.....	3 38	
11 05		.....LAHANEES.....	3 17	
11 09		.....Sartwell.....	3 10	
11 14		.....Turtle Point.....	3 05	
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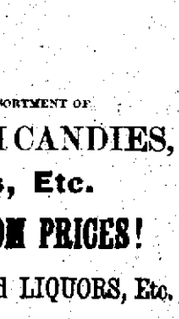

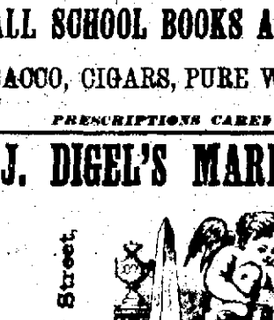

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IN A CHINESE PAGODA.

Viewing a Once Great City from an Outlook a Thousand Years Old.

A correspondent of the New York *Evening Post* writes from Soochow, China, as follows:

Now that the Porcelain Tower at Nanking exists no more, having fallen a victim to the madness of the Tai-pings, the Pih-she-t'ah at Soochow enjoys the distinction of being the largest pagoda in China. It is a fine specimen of this curious species of edifice, and, of course, a magnet to the traveler in this part of the world.

The city of Soochow, where this pagoda is situated, is about seventy-five miles distant in a northwesterly direction from Shanghai, and is reached after a twenty-four or thirty hours' sail along the many canals that intersect the whole region hereabouts, and form the universal means of communication. The city has long been famous for its wealth and splendor, the people having a proverb that "Heaven is above and Soochow and Hangchow beneath." It was deprived, however, of much of its prosperity and beauty by the rebels, who laid perhaps the larger part in ruins. Known among foreigners as the "Paris of China," it has felt as severely as Paris has the savagery of fanaticism and mob misrule. The population has declined from a reputed two millions to barely one-fourth of that number, and weed-grown mounds, breaking the monotonous level in every direction, are mute but significant testimonies to the horrors of the Tai-ping occupancy. The ground is sowed with ruins, so that the proprietor who wishes to improve his plot of land has first to remove the *débris* of tiles, bricks and mortar.

There are five pagodas within the walls of Soochow, but the glory of the town is the great Pih-she-t'ah, which raises its ambitious top as if, heedless of Babel and her fate, it was striving to reach the heaven overhead.

Arrived at the goal of our pilgrimage, an arduous task still remained—to get into the pagoda without the payment of such a fee as would entail the loss of our self-respect as well as our coin. The native pays generally seven cash, or a little more than half a cent, for admission, but tourists, who occasionally penetrate as far inland as Soochow, and excursionists from Shanghai have so spoilt the custodians of the pagoda that foreigners now run the chance of an outrageous squeeze. In the present instance a dollar was demanded for each of the party. A twenty minutes' parley, in the midst of a gaping, rude, insulting crowd, brought the charge down to a dollar for the whole group, but further than this he of the keys would not retreat until our spokesman had recourse to a device, ludicrous and audacious, but effectual. "Very good," he said. "We are in no hurry. We have nothing to do all day. Consider our offer, and meanwhile we will rest ourselves in your temple." No sooner said than done. We entered the sanctuary and seated ourselves in the chief seats, the whole rabble at our heels. The priests were at their wits' ends, fluttering about like birds whose nest is menaced by a snake. Too polite to forbid our invasion, and too feeble to prevent the vulgar herd from following and overrunning the place, they soon showed a disposition to compromise, and ultimately let us in for a fee which, though still exorbitant, was only one-tenth of the original demand.

We were now ushered into the octagonal tower and left free to explore it. The internal plan is simple and effective. The structure is double, the inner column being filled with niches where idols sit and accept the incense of the devout. The staircases wind, in easy and comfortable stages, between the two divisions, and opening at every story to the galleries, afford light and air. The floors, like the walls, are of large black brick, very hard and serviceable, and, in the more frequented passages, taking a glossy and almost porcelain polish from the friction of numberless sandals. Projecting from the tower, at every floor, is a wooden gallery shaded by the peaked roofs, bell hung, which distinguish this curiosity of architecture. From these verandas extensive views of the city and environs are obtained, some very beautiful.

But the galleries are shaky things, and it is safer to leave them and their views and content ourselves with a further examination of the pagoda. Arrived at the eighth story—there are nine in all—we notice the immense beam that, founded in the solid masonry, rises far above the tent-shaped roof. The spaces on the upper story are occupied by the names of some of our predecessors, this scribbling habit being as popular, it seems, with the Chinese as with us.

From the ninth story to the pavement of the court we counted two hundred and thirty-five steps. Estimating these at an average height of eight inches, we got an elevation of one hundred and fifty-seven feet to the floor of this story, which, with the dome-like roof and the spire which surmounts it, must add from fifty to seventy feet more, so that the total height cannot differ much from that of the Porcelain Tower at Nanking, which measures two hundred and thirty-six feet. The diameter, as paced on the first floor, a few feet above the level of the court, was found to be about sixty feet. This dimension gradually and symmetrically lessens as we ascend, until at the ninth story it is scarcely a half of that distance. The walls are from three to four feet in thickness, built very solid of brick and a coarse cement. The only pieces of woodwork apparent are strong braces connecting the double towers, and forming a foundation for the floors and the ornamental galleries. The stability of the structure is vouched for sufficiently by the fact that it has stood a thousand years in a land of typhoons.

In Vienna, well known for its artistic capabilities, people have a fashion of giving away dolls in a somewhat original manner. If the object in view is that of presenting a gift to a young lady, a doll is ordered which, from the crown of the head to the sole of the foot, is a fair imitation of her height and build. The doll is simply a pretext to offer a complete toilette. It is dressed from top to toe; ear rings and finger rings are supplied, and watch and chain are not forgotten. If the donor wishes to render the gift all that could be desired, he provides a *trousseau* for the doll—changes of dress, petticoats, stockings, etc. The Viennese doll is a very worthy "personage;" one day she shall wear her elegant dress, and the next, if her owner wishes to borrow from her, she will not take offense. A doll of this kind may be said to serve two purposes.

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

Interesting Items from Home and Abroad.

Should the judicial decision, sentencing M. Gambetta, the French Republican leader, to three months' imprisonment, be confirmed by the higher tribunals, he will be deprived of all political rights for five years..... The Massachusetts Democratic State convention was held in Worcester. William Gaston and Charles P. Thompson were nominated for governor, and the former was selected by a vote of 1,190 to 236. The other candidates are: *For lieutenant-governor*, William R. Plunkett; *for secretary of State*, Weston Howland; *for treasurer and receiver-general*, David N. Skillings; *for auditor*, John E. Fitzgerald; *for attorney-general*, Charles F. Thompson. The platform adopted reaffirms and announces the National Democratic platform of 1876, as the authoritative exposition of the principles of the past, and expressed belief that the people fairly elected a majority of the Electoral College in favor of the Democratic party; congratulates the country upon the restoration of public order and domestic peace in the South by the adoption of Democratic principles; favors the removal of obstacles to an extended reciprocal trade with foreign countries, and the opening of a liberal reciprocity with Canada and Mexico; is in favor of "the honest payment of the public debt, and of a currency on the gold basis;" opposes the re-enactment of the Prohibitory law, and believes that "the present system of taxation in Massachusetts is unequal, unjust and oppressive, and the time has come for a thorough reformation of the laws regulating the levying of taxes."..... The President arrived at Richmond, Ind., and immediately visited the sick chamber of Senator Morton..... A Workingman's convention met at Columbus, Ohio, and nominated a State ticket, headed by Stephen Johnson, who was also the choice of the Greenback party for governor. A platform was adopted demanding a payment of bonds at or before maturity, according to the laws under which they were issued; the remonetization of silver coin; immediate repeal of the resumption act; non-sectarian schools; wholesome control by the government over all corporate bodies, and fostering of the resources of the country to the end that labor may be fully and profitably employed; declares in favor of a graduated income tax; that the government-lands should be reserved for actual settlers; deprecates all efforts to redress wrongs by violence, and denounces the system of paying store script for labor, and calls for laws to prevent this swindle on laboring men. Their financial plank declares it the prerogative of the government to issue coin and provide money, both metallic and paper, for the convenience of trade, and that this power should not be delegated to corporations or individuals; demands that the legal tender currency be continued without contraction, and that the national banking law should be repealed..... The National Bankers' convention, in session at New York, discussed the silver question. Six hundred delegates were present, representing 600 banks, controlling an aggregate capital of $300,000,000, divided as follows: New York, $80,000,000; Boston, $30,000,000; Philadelphia, $30,000,000; other cities, $130,000,000.

Late returns from Maine show that the plurality of the Republican candidate for governor, over the Democratic candidate, will be about 11,500. The Greenback vote will be about 5,000..... In a two days' contest, at Creedmoor, for the Centennial trophy of marksmanship, the American team of eight riflemen were successful over the British team, by a score of 3,334 to 3,242. The shooting of the American team was extraordinarily fine, it never before having been equaled on any rifle range. The trophy is a large and magnificent banner, handsomely mounted and inscribed, and is to be shot for annually by the riflemen of the world..... A reception to President Hayes was given by the Twenty-third Ohio regiment, at Fremont. About twenty thousand persons were present, including a number of prominent generals and politicians, and brief speeches were made by the President, General Sheridan and others..... The coroner's jury, in the inquest on the bodies of the victims of the recent large fire in New York, censure the owner of the piano manufactory for neglecting to provide adequate means for extinguishing fires..... The Long Island savings bank, of Brooklyn, was closed by the New York bank superintendent, on account of an alleged deficiency in its income.

The explorer Stanley arrived on the west coast of Africa, and was heard from after an ominous silence of over a year, during which the gravest fears were aroused for his safety. His journey was made across the Continent, from the east coast to the west, and was fraught with many perils and great suffering. His way was barred by impenetrable forests and innumerable savage tribes, with whom he was at war night and day. At times starvation stared him in the face, and his followers were continually meeting with death from exposure or in battle with the cannibalistic tribes. Among others whom he lost was his last white assistant, Francis Pocock, a young Englishman, who had been his companion in many expeditions..... In his examination before a committee of New York aldermen, investigating the nefarious ring transactions, William M. Tweed testified that he had paid over $500,000 to members of the New York Legislature of 1870, for the purpose of influencing them to vote for the city charter, in the passage of which he and his friends were interested. Tweed stated that he paid $40,000 each to several senators, to "influence" them to work in the interests of the charter..... Admiral Constantine Canaris, prime minister of Greece, is dead..... Mr. Oliver and daughter and Miss West, while rowing on the East river, New York, were run down by a steamboat and drowned.

A series of fierce attacks and counter-attacks between the Russians and Turks, in the vicinity of Plevna, resulted generally in the success of the Ottoman troops, with a fearful loss of life on both sides..... Gen. Sturgis' command came upon the Nez Perces Indians on the Yellowstone and fought them all day, killing a large number and capturing 150 horses. A number of soldiers were killed and wounded..... The Chairmont Savings Bank, of New York, suspended, leaving a deficiency of about $64,000..... President Hayes and party—consisting of the President and family, Secretaries Evarts, Thompson, McCrary, Postmaster-General Key, and others—arrived in Louisville, Ky., on their southern tour, and were welcomed by the mayor and citizens. Speeches were made by the President, Secretaries Evarts, McCrary and Thompson, Postmaster-General Key, Gov. Hampton, of South Carolina, and others. After a visit to the Louisville exposition, the party took dinner at the residence of General Brinton, and in the evening a public reception was held at the Galt House, which was largely attended..... The inter-State long range rifle match, at Creedmoor, was won by a team of four men from the Amateur Rifle Club, of New York. The members of the team were Messrs. Dakin, Weber, Allen and Jewell, all of whom were in the American team in the preceding match between America and Great Britain..... The owner of Sargent's Ranch, near Rocklin, Cal., and a Mrs. Oder and her husband, were murdered by Chinamen, for the sake of plunder, whereupon the exasperated citizens compelled every Chinaman in the town to leave, and demolished all the buildings in the Chinese quarters. The murderers were arrested and narrowly escaped lynching..... A monument to the soldiers and sailors of Massachusetts, who fell in the late war, was dedicated on Boston Common, with Masonic rites, and presented to the city. The speech of acceptance was made by Mayor Pierce, and the oration was delivered by Attorney-General Devens. Among those present were General George B. McClellan and Joseph Hooker, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and other distinguished military men and civilians. During the exercises a large tier of seats filled with people gave way, and a number of men and women were more or less badly injured..... The Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows of the United States met at Baltimore, and opened the thirty-third annual session.

A manifesto, by President McMahon, has been issued to the French people, asking them to place confidence in him and his government, and declaring that he will cause the constitution of the country to be respected..... The yellow fever spread to such an extent at Fernandina, Fla., that it assumed the proportions of an epidemic, many persons dying daily, and want and suffering prevailing in the fever-stricken town..... By a decision of the New York court of appeals, the validity of the rapid transit acts and the claims of the companies were sustained, thus probably insuring a speedy means of swift communication in the city of New York—a matter which has become a public necessity in that city..... The rifle matches at Creedmoor terminated with an individual contest for eight prizes, aggregating $1,000, presented by the New York *Spirit of the Times*. The distances shot at were 1,000, 900 and 800 yards. The first prize of $500 was won by N. Washburn, of Connecticut, on a score of 207 out of a possible 225, C. E. Blydenburgh, who made the highest score in the match between Great Britain and America, coming in second, with a score of 206, on which he won $200..... A severe storm along the coast of Texas did considerable damage to the shipping and other property.

The Republican State convention of Massachusetts was held at Worcester, Senator George F. Hoar presiding. Governor Rice was renominated by a vote of 567; Thomas Talbot, the next highest candidate, received 231 votes. The platform reaffirms the principles of the party; congratulates the country upon the accession of "a Republican president of conspicuous integrity, honesty of purpose, wisdom, moderation and firmness;" declares in favor of resuming specie payments at the date fixed by the resumption act; opposes farther grants of land or subsidies to private enterprises; and the full text of the resolutions of the platform in regard to the President's Southern policy and his measures of civil service reform is as follows: *Resolved*, That we hail with unspeakable pleasure every sign of promise of the final and permanent pacification of the Southern section of our country, under local self-government, based upon the full recognition of the equal rights of all by all, and we cordially approve the spirit and measures of the Administration, as wisely adapted to hasten this result, as directed by a just sense of Constitutional right and duty, as tending to promote a spirit of peace and conciliation between the citizens of all sections, and, as already largely justified by the bettered feeling and condition of the country. *Resolved*, That the work of reforming and improving the civil service, which the Republican party has undertaken and to which it alone stands committed, ought to be persistently and resolutely carried forward. We fully indorse the utterances of the Cincinnati platform and of the letter of acceptance of President Hayes on this subject; that nominations to offices ought to be made upon the sole responsibility of the Executive department, without the dictation or control of the members of Congress; that honesty, capacity and fidelity constitute the only claim and qualification for office, that partisan service should not be expected or desired from public officers, who should give their whole service to the government and the people; and that the term of office should depend upon untarnished personal character and the satisfactory performance of official duties, and not upon political changes; and we cordially sustain and approve the policy and action of the President in conducting his administration in fulfilment of his distinct pledge upon these principles. Recognizing that the work of correcting the abuses that have crept into the civil service is only begun, and that much remains to be accomplished in Massachusetts as well as elsewhere, in order to show convincingly that the principle of civil service reform is accepted as an enduring principle and not a tempory method of administration, we call upon all departments of the government to give the President their cordial and effective support in making the reform thorough and radical and complete. *Resolved*, That the order promulgated by the President for the purpose of restraining the executive officers of the government from exercising an undue and improper influence upon the action of the people in the selection of candidates for office, and in the management of political affairs, is in accordance with the principle and practices established by the founders of the government. We heartily indorse the first and most important step toward a practical reform of the civil service, and we assure the President of our cordial supportin its enforcement..... A train on the Union Pacific railroad was stopped on its arrival at Big Springs, Neb., by thirteen masked men and the express car was robbed of $75,000 in gold coin. A number of the passengers were also robbed of money and valuables..... The Democrats of New Jersey met in convention at Trenton and nominated Leon Abbett, and his nomination was considered a surprise to every one. The platform adopted reaffirms the principles of the National Democratic party adopted at St. Louis in 1876; denounces "the frauds by which our candidates for President and Vice-President are prevented from taking the positions to which they were chosen by a decided majority of the popular and electoral vote; congratulates the supporters of the free government throughout the United States on the fact that even the man who was placed in the Presidential chair by means of these frauds and crimes has found it necessary, in order to receive the respect and support of any portion of the American people, to adopt the Democratic policy of local self-government in the Southern States, and to abandon all further devices to perpetuate sectional jealousies; sympathizes with the workingmen and advises the enactment of such laws as will harmonize the interests of capital and labor; asserts that the times demand a reduction of the salaries and fees of all public officials, and claims that the usury laws should be revised and reformed and six per cent be restored as the uniform rate of interest of the State..... President Hayes and party arrived at Nashville, Tenn., and were received by the governor of the State, the mayor of the city and a delegation of citizens. Speeches were delivered by the President, members of the cabinet and Governor Wade Hampton..... The New Jersey Prohibitionists met in convention at Trenton and nominated Rudolphus Bingham for governor. The platform declares against the liquor traffic, and asserts they will no longer vote for any man not in favor of Prohibition..... The Pennsylvania Greenback State convention, held at Williamsport, resulted in the following nominations: For supreme judge, Benjamin S. Bentley; auditor general, J. P. Emerson; State treasurer, James S. Wright. The platform denounces the national banks and favors convertible bonds and elastic money sufficient for the wants of trade.

A Remarkable Rey Sharp-Shooter.

The Lebanon (Pa.) *Times* insists upon the accuracy of its statement that a boy eleven years old had shot thirty out of thirty-one glass balls thrown from a spring trap at a distance of thirty yards. In a late issue, it not only reiterates that story, but gives another, neglecting, however, to mention the distance, or other particulars, including the quantity of ammunition of each charge, whether it was done with a single rifle-ball, etc. It says: "In a recent issue of the *Times* mention was made of the remarkable exploits of young George Zerfoss, aged eleven years, of Hammelston, with the rifle, in shooting at wooden balls thrown from a spring trap. The New York *Times*, some time afterward, while expressing admiration for the quick eye and steady nerve of the boy, took occasion to doubt the truth of our story. And now we go one better, on the strength of the same authority, which we have no reason to doubt. There are two brothers, and a shooting match between them, at Hammelstown, recently, has proven to be most remarkable, as each have shot at thirty-one wooden balls, missing only one of the number, or, jointly, have succeeded in hitting sixty balls out of sixty-two. Now bring on Captain Bogardus to compete with Pennsylvania boys."

What One Wave Did.

While a party of ladies and gentlemen were viewing the uncommonly high breakers from projecting rocks at Appledore, Isle of Shoals, on Sunday morning, W. S. Butler, of Boston, who was on a high rock or cliff some distance from the others, enjoying the beautiful sea, was suddenly threatened by a wave. Turning at once to retreat as fast as possible, he was overtaken by the wave and washed out to sea and back, being dashed by the waves into a cove of rocks, where he was fearfully bruised, sustaining also a severe fracture of the wrist. His wife, from a distance, saw the wave take him, and supposed he was lost. He was found insensible, and says that he remembers nothing after seeing the wave till he came to his senses.

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Lambs		05¾ @	06¾
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Flour—Western—Good to Choice		5 60 @	6 25
State—Good to Choice		7 25 @	9 75
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No. 2 Milwaukee		1 31 @	1 50
Rye—State		71 @	72
Barley—State		98 @	98
Barley Malt		70 @	75
Oats—Mixed Western		32 @	39
Corn—Mixed Western		43 @	49
Hay, per cwt		60 @	85
Straw—per cwt		40 @	60
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Pork—Mess	13 10	@	13 50
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Petroleum—Crude	09½@09¾	Refined	14
Wool—California Fleece	41	@	42
Texas "	6	@	23
Australian "	44	@	47
Butter—State	25	@	28
Western—Choice	19	@	20
Western—Good to Prime	23	@	6
Western—Fireins	10	@	14
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Wheat: No. 1 Milwaukee	1 35	@	1 36
Corn: Mixed	52	@	52¾
Oats	25	@	34
Rye	58	@	58
Barley	82	@	83
Barley Malt	1 00	@	1 10
Beef Cattle: Extra	07	@	07
Sheep	06	@	07¾
Hogs: Dressed	08¾	@	09
Flour: Pennsylvania Extra	6 75	@	7 00
Wheat: Red Western	1 41	@	1 42
Rye	65	@	67½
Corn: Yellow	51	@	51
Mixed	50	@	50
Oats: Mixed	35	@	38
Petroleum: Crude	09¾	Refined	13¾
Wool—Colorado	08	@	10
Texas	24	@	32
California	27	@	38

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Beef Cattle	04	@	09¾
Sheep	05¾	@	07¾
Hogs	07	@	10
Flour—Wisconsin and Minnesota	7 00	@	9 00
Corn—Mixed	48	@	49¾
Oats	34	@	36
Wool—Ohio and Pennsylvania XX	48	@	50
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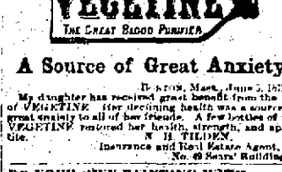

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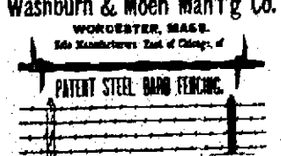

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